The Bokaro Steel Plant incurred losses in the initial years due to low production arising out of the gestation period and power shortages particularly in the year 1979-80 and 1980-81. High capital related charges had to be absorbed by low level of production.

Indian Iron and Steel Company :

(1) Obsolete technology and aged plant and equipment ;

(2) Low production & performance;

(3) Increases in cost of production not fully compensated by increase in steel prices ;

(4) High interest burden ;

(5) High incidence of manpower cost ;

(6) Losses made by the sub-units, *i.e.* collieries and fuondry complex at Kulti ;

(7) High coke rate due to absence of a sinter plant.

(b) and (c) The performance of the steel plants are constantly under review. A scheme has been formulated for the modernisation of the Durgapur Steel Plant. The Japanese are studying the IISCO steel plant to prepare a feasibility report for its modernisation. Schemes have also been formulated to remove bottlenecks that may stand in the way of Bokaro achieving its rated capacity of 4 mt in 1988-89.

Efforts are being made to bring about improvement in the work-culture through instilling a sense of belonging and cost consciousness all round.

Surplus manpower is being redeployed by retraining.

Marine Production in Tamil Nadu

1592. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal or project under Government's consideration which would enable Tamil Nadu to increase the marine production during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details of the projects to be undertaken during the above period;

(c) the projects already undertaken during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(d) what are the on going projects in this regard; and

(e) whether any projects with foreign assistance are being envisaged if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During VII Five Year Plan a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Introduction of Improved Beach Landing Craft is under operation in Tamil Nadu. A scheme for motorisation of traditional fishing craft is also under consideration for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan. A joint venture between Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation and Industrialisation Fund for Developing Countries (I.F.U.) Denmark is under implementation for production and marketing of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic boats. Besides, there are nine state schemes for Deep Sea Fishing, Mechanisation and Improvement of Fishing Craft.

(c) All the schemes mentioned above except the joint venture scheme for production and marketing of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic

boats were operated during Sixth Five Year Plan.

(d) All the schemes mentioned under (b) above except the joint venture for production and marketing of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic boats and scheme for Motorisation of Traditional Craft are ongoing schemes.

(e) A Regional project on development of small scale fisheries in Bay of Bengal with Swedish International Development Agency/ Food and Agricultural Organisation of United Nations assistance is now under implementation. Some of the important components under the above project for increasing the fish production are :—

(i) Development of Pen Culture, and;

(ii) Introduction of Beach Landing Craft.

Construction of Flats under Self-Financing Scheme by DDA

1593. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated target regarding construction of various types of Self-Financing Flats in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the number of flats of various types constructed by D. D. A. during the last three years under Self-Financing Scheme, year-wise ;

(c) what was the target of the D.D. A. regarding construction of dwelling units during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(d) the number of dwelling units constructed by D. D. A. during this period ; and

(e) what is the shortfall in the construction of dwelling units by D.D.A. as ondate and what steps are being taken to fulfill the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No such targets were fixed during 1983-84 and 1984-85. The target of 9,241 houses for allotment during 1985-86 has been fixed.

(b)	1983-84 . . .	2045
	1984-85 . . .	2968
	1985-86 . . .	4767

(c) and (d) The housing programme of D.D.A. is not linked with the 5 year plan and no target was fixed. During the period 1980-81 to 1984-85 64,233 houses were constructed by DDA under the various categories.

(d) The total number of registrants waiting allotment is 1,61,679. Efforts are being made to complete the maximum number of houses within the available resources.

Funds for Increasing Road Kilometreage in Madhya Pradesh

1594. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Road Congress in their deliberation at Trivandrum in 1984 resolved to connect all villages with less than 1000 population by roads within a definite time frame ;

(b) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government submitted proposals of Rs. 669.00 crores for the aforesaid purpose in the seventh five year plan by the Planning Commission approved an outlay of only Rs. 281.39 crores ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the demand of the Madhya Pradesh Government especially in view of the fact that the State's road kilometreage per 100 sq. kilometre of area is far below the national average ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) The council